

## McLerran, Dennis

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**From:** McLerran, Dennis  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2013 6:08 PM  
**To:** Ganesan, Arvin  
**Subject:** Fw: Update re Chicken Meeting

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**From:** McLerran, Dennis  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2013 6:07:04 PM  
**To:** Adm13McCarthy, Gina; Giles-AA, Cynthia; Vaught, Laura; Feldt, Lisa; Reynolds, Thomas  
**Cc:** Dunbar, Bill; Holsman, Marianne; Pirzadeh, Michelle; Soderlund, Dianne  
**Subject:** Fw: Update re Chicken Meeting

Administrator and all:

I just had follow up conversations with Ken Fisher and agent Tyler Amon. As a surprise to all, Governor Parnell attended the meeting in Chicken. There were 20 to 25 miners, the reporter from the Alaska Dispatch that did the original article and Congressional staff from Young and Murkowski's offices. Ken read a statement prepared by Tyler that outlined some of the facts. From the Governor's reaction he apparently had not heard some of them such as details on the criminal records of some of those investigated. Apparently a key issue for the Governor and the Young staffer is where the line is drawn between civil and criminal follow up. The Governor reiterated that he will continue with his special counsel investigation and Young's staffer indicated there will be a Congressional hearing.

We can expect an Alaska Dispatch article given the reporter and the Governor's presence. The conclusion from Ken and Tyler is that our presence at the meeting was positive and brought forward facts that would not have aired without us there. Ken said he stayed talking with folks for an hour after the meeting. One of the miners that spoke in the meeting acknowledged he'd had problems at his site over the years. Others asked for compliance assistance and that could be an opportunity for is with Alaska DEC.

More to come on this next week.

Dennis

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**From:** McLerran, Dennis  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2013 5:19:28 PM  
**To:** Adm13McCarthy, Gina  
**Cc:** Giles-AA, Cynthia; Feldt, Lisa; Reynolds, Thomas  
**Subject:** Fw: Update re Chicken Meeting

Administrator and all:

The meeting in Chicken, Alaska with placer miners is over and there were no incidents per the email from CID agent Tyler Anon below. The two EPA employees that attended just returned into cell phone range so I will report more when I have more.

Dennis McLerran

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**From:** Amon, Tyler  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2013 5:10:55 PM  
**To:** Parker, Doug; Stanich, Ted; McLerran, Dennis; Pirzadeh, Michelle; Soderlund, Dianne; Barnet, Henry; Bill Dunbar  
**Cc:** O'Neill, Kelly; Goers, Matt  
**Subject:** Re: Update re Chicken Meeting

They are in Tok and safe. No incident. Ken will be calling Dennis and Diane to brief. I will call HQ. Meeting went fine, more to explain in time.

Tyler C. Amon  
Special Agent in Charge  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Seattle Area Office

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From: Amon, Tyler  
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2013 4:13:32 PM  
To: Parker, Doug; Stanich, Ted; McLerran, Dennis; Pirzadeh, Michelle; Soderlund, Dianne; Barnet, Henry; Bill Dunbar  
Cc: O'Neill, Kelly; Goers, Matt  
Subject: Re: Update re Chicken Meeting

All, No luck with BLM contacts at this point. Based upon our meeting length and travel time estimates, they should be in Tok, AK, around 4pm Ak (8pm ET). Tok has cell coverage. Standby.

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From: Amon, Tyler  
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2013 3:37:30 PM  
To: Parker, Doug; Stanich, Ted; McLerran, Dennis; Pirzadeh, Michelle; Soderlund, Dianne; Barnet, Henry; Bill Dunbar  
Cc: O'Neill, Kelly  
Subject: Update re Chicken Meeting

All, there is no cell coverage until about 2.5 hours south of Chicken. Our CID agent brought a satellite phone, which we tried calling about 30 mins ago, but it is not connecting. During our work in August we had intermittent success connecting with the sat phone, which is influenced by weather, location, etc. We have other BLM officials I am now going to contact. Standby.

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